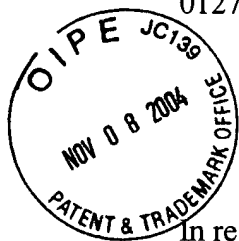


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Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application dated October 6, 2004 which failed to include an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement dated August 16, 2004.

Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449, and to return a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants' undersigned attorney. In this regard, a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the August, 16, 2004, Information Disclosure Statement is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to
our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carole A. Quinn", is written over a horizontal line.

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